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RETROSPECT

TODAY is the 12th anniversary of the liberation of Hongkong by a naval force under Admiral Hargood after 87 months of Japanese occupation. There were not too many people on the streets this day 12 years ago. Looking up and down the Wan Chai waterfront one would have counted them in scores at best. It was generally felt that some Japanese diehards might not accept their Emperor's orders to surrender and most people were quite uncertain.

Many claim to this day that their main reason for surviving the occupation was to satisfy a curiosity as to what turn events would take in the years to follow. To achieve that they had survived the 37 most uncertain months of their life. Few will admit today that they had the faintest idea of what would eventuate. Formosa, long under Japanese suzerainty, was to the public of Hongkong rather a dim island. Though all atlases showed it, it was to most people territory more in the realm of myth. Today this island is very much a reality, China to a segment of this Colony's population, rebellious China to another segment.

UNPREDICTABLE

CHINA, especially the southern part of it, was more of a native reality. Today it is to some their native China, to others a China which they dimly hope will be theirs to travel again freely. To the non-Chinese in Hongkong the future in August, 1946, was as much an uncertainty as it was to the Chinese. Though Mr Churchill then insisted that this was still British territory, no one was really quite certain that it would continue to be so for even a half dozen years.

Certainly the political future of this part of the world was unpredictable. The Colony's population then was at its lowest ebb since the earliest days of the first 100 years of Hongkong's history. Such today is the pressure of population upon our resources, much of this here in refuge, it is a wonder that one can traverse the streets of Central District at even a small's pace. Yet this population lives and thrives, much of it, true, on the verge of poverty, but life goes on, buildings go up, street sleepers do not appear to be more in number than they were in the late 1930s and people plan for the future.

AGITATION

CHILDREN continue going to school, in larger numbers than ever, though there still is not quite the space to fit all of them in. Our population has changed considerably. One can recall the years, barely two decades ago, when it was still possible for a journalist in Hongkong to identify every other person crossing on a Star ferryboat.

Even political opinions are acceptable in Hongkong if agitation is frowned upon, as it is everywhere the world over, whether in Moscow, London or New York. There was once agitation in our markets against goods of Japanese manufacture. Today there is agitation in other markets against goods of our manufacture. Who would ever have thought in August, 1946, that our trade could ever disturb Manchester or Tokyo?

It is perhaps a tribute to the way of life that is possible in Hongkong that so many people chose to stay here. Migration from this Colony, though extremely difficult, is not impossible. China is not closed, there is little reason why Formosa could not absorb those who would wish to go there. Yet there are so many who prefer to stay here. So many, indeed, that they constitute the Colony's biggest and ever growing problem.

BIG JADE SEIZURE AT SAN FRANCISCO

\$32,850 Customs Haul From Businessman From Hongkong

San Francisco, Aug. 29.

Customs agents seized 95 pieces of jade worth HK\$32,850 from an international businessman who allegedly tried to smuggle them in from Hongkong, the Collector of Customs, Mr Chester Macphie disclosed last night.

Mr Macphie identified the businessman as Petco Petroff, 30, Far East regional supervisor for a soft drink firm.

The jade was seized at San Francisco international airport on Aug. 20. At the time, Petroff and his wife were en route from Hongkong to New York.

PERSONAL EFFECTS

Petroff denied any smuggling intent, explaining he considered the jade duty free "personal effects."

Customs agents found Petroff was wearing a money belt that contained 90 pieces of jade jewelry. Five small jade figurines were in his luggage. Petroff said he hid the jade in his money belt for security reasons.

Petroff and his wife were allowed to proceed to New York.

Macphie said the US attorney's office had not reviewed the case yet.—United Press.

TEARFUL REUNION FOR TOURISTS

Southampton, Aug. 29. The Polish liner Batory brought more than 300 cheering, waving — and crying — Poles to England yesterday.

They stood at strict attention while the vessel moved into her birth, to the strains of the British and Polish national anthems. Tears poured down the faces of many of them.

Then, when the ship was tied up, many literally ran down the gangway to throw their arms around relatives and friends they had not seen for years.

They were among the first Poles to be granted passports in substantial numbers to come to England for visits. In most cases they have relatives in England.

—United Press.

DRIVER KILLED

Modena, Aug. 29.

Andrea Fraschetti, head of the Ferrari automobile firm's planning bureau, was killed today while testing a Formula II 1,600 c.c. racer on the Modena track.

Fraschetti lost control of the car in a bend and the racer somersaulted several times.

The driver was rushed to hospital, with a fractured skull and died shortly afterwards without regaining consciousness.

—France-Press.

British Missile

London, Aug. 29.

De Havilland and Rolls Royce are co-operating in the development of an intermediate ballistic missile which will have a range of about 2,500 miles, informed sources said today.

The source said that De Havilland Propellers Limited had already built a metal structure consisting of two towers which will be used in tests. The Rolls Royce Company meanwhile was preparing to test a rocket motor destined for the missile, the source added.

—France-Press.

Strike Ends

Boston, Aug. 29.

The Boston newspaper strike, which left 1,250 families without their daily newspapers for 21 days, ended tonight. Some 300 mailers, who struck for higher pay on August 9, voted to accept a strike-ending agreement.—United Press.

Stassen Flies To U.S. For Dulles Meeting

London, Aug. 29. Mr Harold Stassen chief United States delegate to the five-nation disarmament conference here left by air tonight for Washington for consultations with his Government.

He will have talks with Mr John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State and probably President Eisenhower on Monday.

The American delegate plans to fly back to London on Tuesday morning in time for the next meeting that afternoon of the United Nations disarmament subcommittee.

Mr Stassen advanced his departure from London for Washington by about 24 hours.

FIVE HOURS

He left within about five hours of the end of today's meeting here of the disarmament subcommittee at which, according to a British source, Russia rejected the Western first-stage partial disarmament plan.

(See Page 3 for full report)

While in the United States Mr Stassen will be attending the wedding of his son. Mr Stassen was last in Washington in July of this year for consultations on the complex disarmament negotiations begun in the subcommittee in London on March 18.

Mr Stassen is due to have discussions with Mr Dulles on Monday but he may, according to American sources here, also see him soon after he reaches Washington tomorrow.

CLOSER TOGETHER

Mr Stassen, speaking to reporters at London Airport before taking off for home tonight, said: "We are closer together now than we have been for the last 11 years." He added that the Soviet delegate had made some "negative comments" on the latest Western proposals.

"This afternoon we have made proposals — far-reaching, practicable proposals to improve the prospects of peace," Mr Stassen said. "It is so evident that a modern war would be such a vast浪费 all."

"We have been striving against that for so long. We will now be looking to the response by the Soviet Government to these new proposals."—Reuter & United Press.

Six Killed

New Delhi, Aug. 29.

Six people were killed instantly and 44 injured when a loaded motor truck ploughed through a crowd of 200 in a village 60 miles south of Indore on the Bombay-Agra road last night.

An unconfirmed report said the driver was beaten to death by surviving villagers, who were attending a religious festival at the time of the accident.

—United Press.

SUBMERGED MOUNTAIN RANGE FOUND UNDER ARCTIC

New York, Aug. 29. The discovery of an underwater mountain range rising 5,000 feet above the Arctic floor was announced today by Columbia University scientists.

The scientists, stationed on the Arctic ice pack drifting toward the North Pole, radioed news of the discovery to the University's Lamont Geologi-

cal Observatory at Palisades, New York.

Maurice J. Davison, 26, geophysicist in charge of the research project, said soundings showed the 5,000-foot mountain range was submerged nearly 5,000 feet below the ice pack.

His message said there was every indication that the discovery parallels the great

NEW CANAL SURCHARGE? AGREEMENT REPORT

Cairo, Aug. 29. The Egyptian newspaper Al Ahram reported today that the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjold, is discussing with the Egyptian Government the question of placing a surcharge on ships using the Suez Canal to pay for the canal clearance.

The clearance of the canal, after it was blocked during hostilities in Egypt last October, cost the United Nations an estimated \$12 million.

It was decided that this cost was to be covered by a surcharge on ships passing through the canal.

—France-Press.

NEW YORK TRAIN CRASH: 18 INJURED

New York, Aug. 29. An underground train crashed into the rear of an empty train on an elevated track during the rush hour today, injuring 18 people.

The crash was apparently caused by vandalism.

A motorman, trapped more than two and a half hours in the wreckage of his cab, had to have his foot amputated before he could be freed.

The Transit Authority chairman, Mr Charles Patterson, charged that vandals caused the accident.

Mr Patterson said trippers were sometimes clamped down when repair work was being done on the tracks, but he said no repairs were underway on that section of the line.

"Kids or parties unknown must have clamped down those two trippers," he said.—United Press.

Security Council On Kashmir

United Nations, Aug. 29. The Security Council probably will resume debate on the Kashmir question on Sept. 24 it was learned today.

Council members were understood to have agreed on that date to take up once again the 10-year-old dispute between India and Pakistan over the former princely state.—United Press.

Distinct Blow

Mr Jackson said: "It would be a distinct blow to our own people and our allies should the Soviets win this race because it would represent the first time the United States has failed to win a race involving an important weapons system."

Mr Quarles appeared to dispute Senator Jackson. He conceded the missile programme has been under careful review but said, "we have observed top priority on the long-range ballistic missiles."

He said the Defense Department had not allowed funds to insure the programme."

Mr Jackson said that economy motivates had compelled a cut in missile production plans. He said defense officials have "revised downward" the number of missiles expected to roll off production lines when the weapons are perfected.—United Press.

MALAYA'S STABILITY It's Up To The Chinese

London Aug. 29. The Economist, independent weekly review, commenting on Malaya's forthcoming independence, said today that never before had Britain transferred sovereignty to a Commonwealth country "so beset with internal and external uncertainties and dangers."

Describing how Malaya's strategic position had always exposed it to the ambitions of powerful nations, The Economist said: "The new wealth acquired during the years of British ascendancy has merely made it an even more tempting prize."

Ghana Seeks Trade With Russia And China

Accra, Aug. 29. Dr Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana's Prime Minister, said today the Government intended to invite Japan, China and the Soviet Union to receive a trade mission from Ghana.

In his statement covering Ghana's internal and external affairs the Prime Minister announced a cabinet reshuffle and the creation of a new ministry — by splitting the Ministry of Interior and Justice. He said the Government contemplated introducing compulsory national service, side by side with the establishment of a territorial force.

Dr Nkrumah said he was sure Britain, France and the United States would appreciate why Ghana "should endeavour to preserve normal relations" with Russia and China. "Ghana doesn't intend to follow a neutralist policy," he declared.

Now What About A Royal Wedding?

In tomorrow's China Mail, Amanda Marshall says... "A Royal Wedding now would bring great joy." Read her story about Britain's loveliest and most eligible maiden aunt.

CHAPMAN PINCHER tells of the loneliest man in the world... Space Man. MERRICK WINN meets the fearless US columnist Victor Reisch who lost his eyes for exposing US union gangsterism.

ROBERT CLINTON says "The B.R.M. is going to win at last." SYDNEY SMITH tells of UNESCO's fabulous new "building by artists." EVELYN LYONS writes "That's London."

This week too we say goodbye in two dramatic chapters to our giant serials: RETURN TO THE ISLANDS. "One man against the mob" — and the crew was VENGEANCE" by Sir ARTHUR GRIMBLE; and The Sylvia Ashby Story "Locked out of her home by husband No. 4 — Clark Gable" — by RODERICK MANN.

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WEALTH TAX BILL

New Delhi, Aug. 29. The Indian House of the People (Lower House) today passed a Wealth Tax Bill, a controversial new measure which for the first time in independent India will directly tax individual capital and assets.

The tax, which the Finance Minister, Mr T. T. Krishnamachari, hopes will bring an extra 125 million rupees (about £10 million) yearly into the treasury, is payable only by those whose assets exceed 200,000 rupees (about £14,300) and it is estimated that 26,000 individuals and 6,000 companies will be affected.

THE RATE

The rate of taxation will be one half per cent rising to one and a half per cent for those worth more than 230,000 rupees (about £15,500).

Thus a man with property, jewellery, shares, and other wealth totalling 200,000 rupees (about £14,300) will pay a tax of 300 rupees (about £46) on top of his income tax.

Special provision has been made in the bill to exempt from taxation furniture, clothing and personal jewellery up to a maximum of 25,000 rupees (about £1,700) as well as professional instruments and tools, agricultural land and livestock, and religious and charitable trusts.

THOSE EXEMPTED

Tax on companies is lower than on individuals and they are exempt for the first 500,000 rupees (about £24,000).

To encourage development a "wealth tax holiday" for five years is granted to new companies and to assets of old companies used for development.

Exempt from the tax are shipping and insurance companies and banks.

Princes are exempt from the tax on jewellery and one palace or house.

THREE PROPOSALS

The wealth tax is the second of three major tax proposals suggested to the Indian Government in a report by the visiting British economist, Mr Nicholas Kaldor.

The first—a capital gains tax—is already in force and the third—an expenditure tax—has yet to come before Parliament. It is expected to have a comparatively easy passage though it still has to go through the Upper House Council of States.

A few objections, "logical modifications" proposed to the wealth tax bill were quickly dealt with by Mr Krishnamachari. "Logic and taxation," he said, "do not go together." Reuter.

New American Bill

DO YOUR
DEFECTING
EARLY

Washington, Aug. 29. Foreign diplomats with turnout ideas were put on notice today: Do your defecting early or miss out on the quota.

An annual quota of 50 foreign diplomats who would be allowed permanent U.S. residence if they broke with their home governments and sought American asylum was set in the new immigration bill.

The bill was passed by the House yesterday and sent back to the Senate for adjustment of minor technical differences.

Rep. Kennedy B. Keating (Republican-New York) conceded that the quota of 50 per year was hopefully high. He said Congress and the Administration have no particular reason to expect that many. —United Press.

No Comment

London, Aug. 29. A Ministry of Defence spokesman said today he could make no comment on speculation that the nuclear weapon tested in Soviet Russia on August 22 might have been a missile carrying an atomic warhead.

He said the Ministry knew about the explosion, but the announcement had been made from Washington and he had nothing to add. — China Mail Special.

Paris, Aug. 29. THE French Government's draft plan for a "Fundamental Law" on Algeria provides for three successive stages of administrative and political reforms, in the North African territory, informed sources stated today.

The first two stages would be spread over a probationary period of two years.

The first period would be devoted to remaking the administrative structure of Algeria. The present "departments" would disappear and would be replaced by six or seven "territories", the delimitation of which would take into account topographical and ethnical factors.

First Step

Simultaneously there would be a first step towards self-administration by the creation of territorial assemblies endowed with administrative powers.

The second stage would provide for an extension of this beginning of internal autonomy. The territorial assemblies would elect a common assembly which would sit in Algiers.

The functions and prerogatives of this common assembly have not yet been clearly defined, and discussions are now going on as to whether it should have the role of an "Algerian Legislature."

In the third stage a final statute for Algeria would be drawn up during global negotiations in which the metropolitan Parliament, the territorial assemblies in Algiers would take part. In this stage the institutional links to be established between France and Algeria could be clearly defined.

Memorandum

The memorandum on the French Government's proposals which Premier Maurice Bourges-Maunoury has submitted to the leaders of the main political group, is understood to set forth these three successive stages.

The draft proposals leave unsettled the political choices which the implementation of a new statute for Algeria will imply.

But in fact the National Assembly when it is called upon to debate the "Fundamental Law" now being prepared, will face itself implicitly faced with a major political choice. It will have to choose between a structure of a federal nature involving a reform of the constitution, or the adoption of a statute of a regional nature, which, while granting a broad measure of internal autonomy to Algeria, would not give it political rights of self-determination. —France-Press.

Dr Gordon has deciphered the script called "Linear A" used on tablets unearthed mainly at Hagia Triada by an Italian expedition between 1902 and 1912. Five years ago the late Michael Ventris deciphered similar script known as "Linear B" and found on later tablets in Greece and Crete.

While most of the tablets Dr Gordon has deciphered are business records, he believes that early literary texts some day will be found around the Aegean. These, he said, might provide more background on the origin of classical civilisation and literature.

That the division between the Greek and Semitic worlds is not as great as is commonly believed, is indicated by his findings, Dr Gordon said. —United Press.

LINEAR A'

TOKYO, Aug. 29. The Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry has completed drafting a bill prohibiting foreign tourists from bringing motor cars into Japan.

A Ministry spokesman tonight said the bill will be tabled before the next session of the Diet (Parliament) due to convene here in November.

Foreign tourists were formerly permitted to bring vehicles into Japan without restriction. —Reuter.

Los Angeles, Aug. 29. Miss Craig Rice, 49, well-known author of mystery stories, was found dead in her apartment here last night. —China Mail Special and United Press.

LOANS TO HELP BROTHEL OPERATORS
TO SWITCH BUSINESS

TOKYO, Aug. 29. GOVERNMENT officials have outlined a plan to provide loans to help brothel operators switch to "more respectable lines of business" when an anti-prostitution law goes into effect next year.

The officials indicated the loans would not be made directly by the Government but would be provided through regular

public and private financing agencies.

They also agreed to tighten controls on prostitution to block the current attempts of the brothel operators to delay enforcement of the punitive provisions of the anti-prostitution law.

The officials decided to clamp down on the brothel operators who are stepping up

their activities and hiring

more new girls in an effort to reap as much profit as possible before the law becomes effective in April 1958.

The plan, expected to be approved by the Cabinet this week, also would help construct facilities for aiding and rehabilitating prostitutes in prefectures which have no such facilities. —United Press.

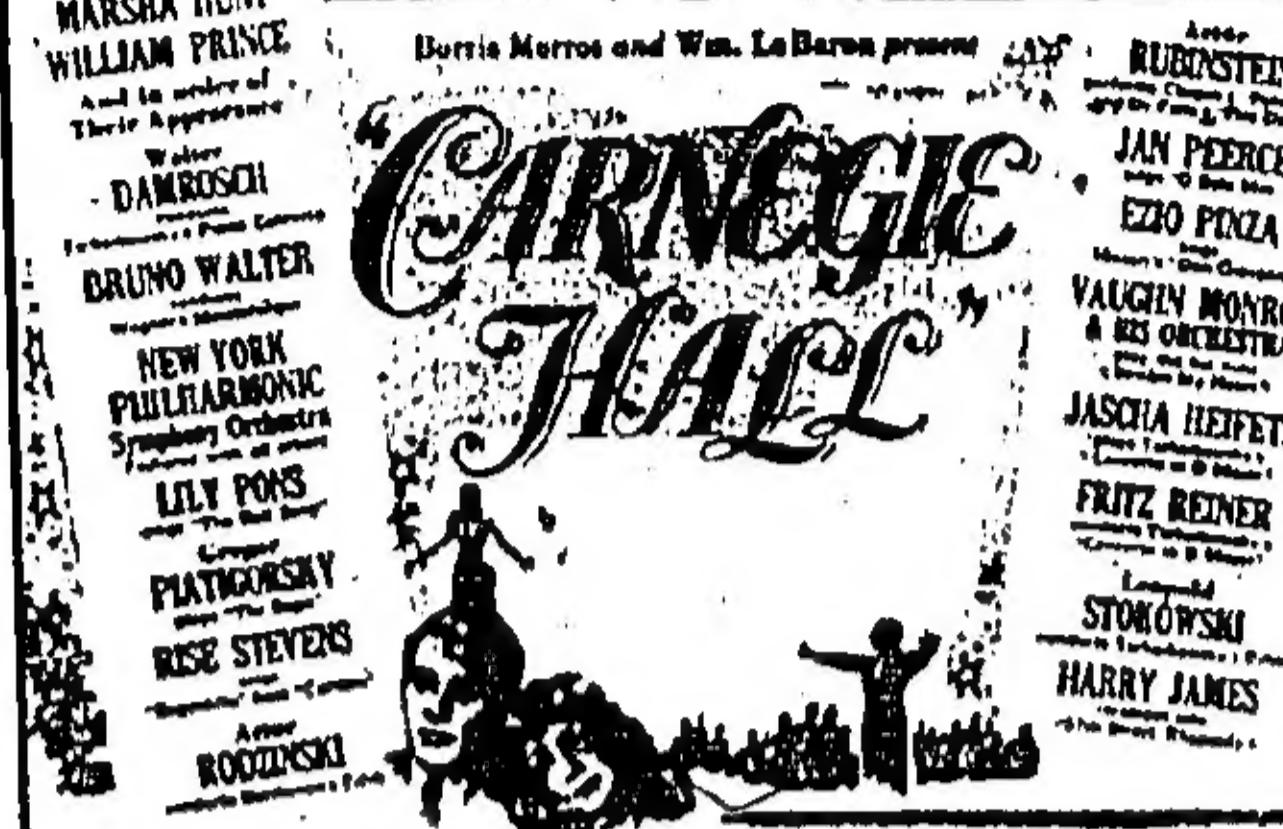
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LONDON DISARMAMENT TALKS

Russia Rejects Latest Offer

No Surprise

Paris, Aug. 29. Usually well-informed sources here said tonight that Soviet rejection of the Western partial disarmament plan came as no surprise after the previous attitude of the Soviet delegate to the London disarmament talks, Mr Valerian Zorin.

They said it was regrettable that the Soviet delegate had adopted a negative position so rapidly without giving serious study to the Western proposals, which had been carefully worked out by the allies.

The sources said it seemed that the Soviet Union was planning to make demagogic proposals on disarmament before the General Assembly of the United Nations.

They said it was hoped in Paris that the Western proposals would in the meantime be given more serious study in Moscow, and that the Soviet Union would then reverse its position a little and produce constructive proposals.—China Mail Special.

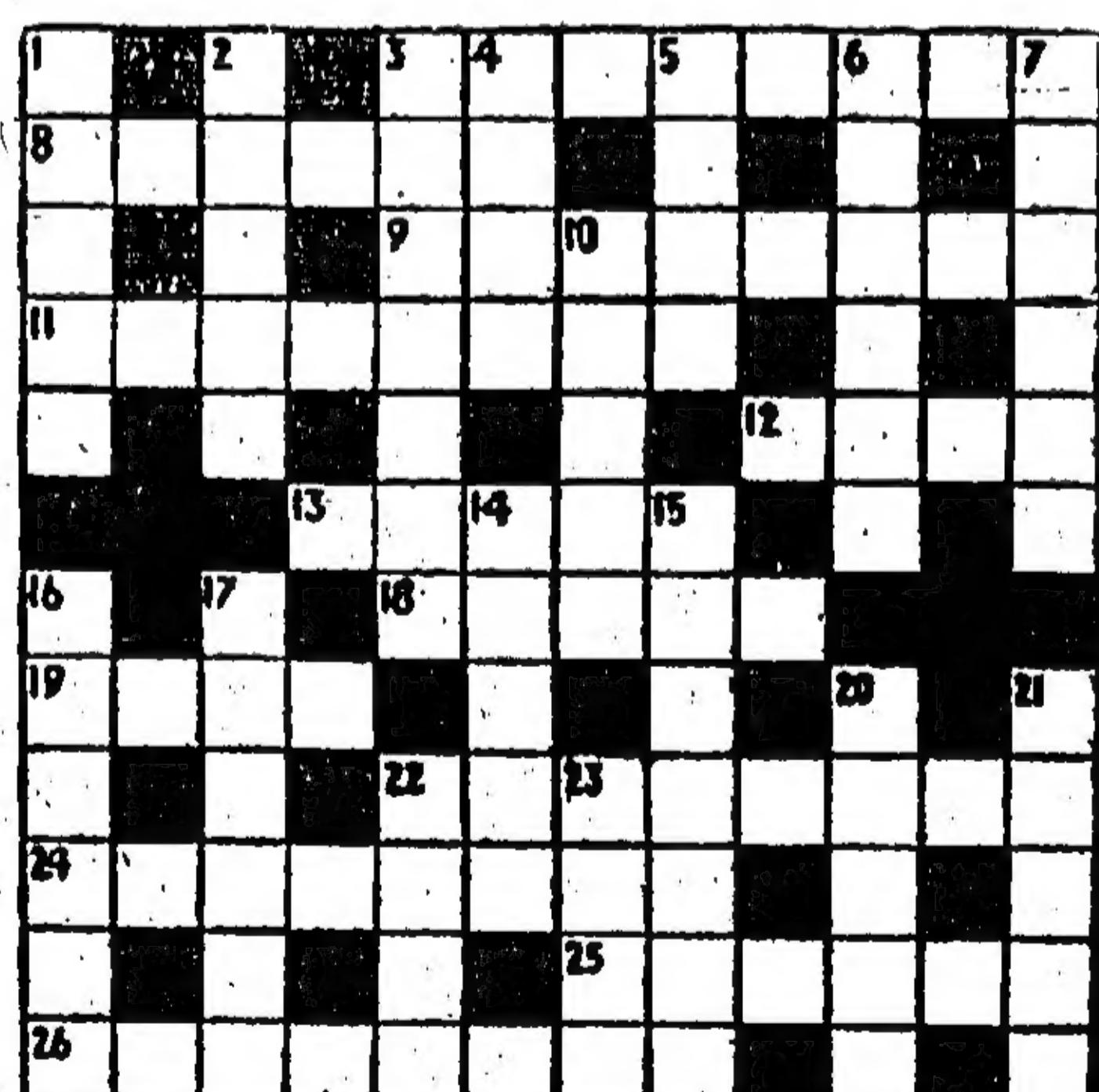
Eisenhower Disappointed

Washington, Aug. 29. President Eisenhower said today that he was disappointed that a joint Congressional Committee yesterday approved appropriations of only \$3,435,810,000 for foreign aid during the current fiscal year.

Senate minority leader, William Knowland, who conferred with the President at the White House today, said Eisenhower was sorry the joint committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives had not been able to agree on the amount originally voted by the Senate: \$3,692,710,000.

Knowland said he also informed the President that the Senate might adjourn next Thursday or Friday.—France Presse.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Shawl, fabric (8).
- 8 Moving spirit, so to speak (6).
- 9 Seal in the Upper House (8).
- 11 B.R. chief terminus (8).
- 12 Light structural member (4).
- 13 Not like Venus de Milo (5).
- 18 Given treatment (5).
- 19 Roxie to go! (4).
- 22 Mine (8).
- 24 Put together (8).
- 25 Cuddle up (8).
- 26 Indefatigable (8).

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Furnaces, 7 Trial, 8 Advocate, 10 Manure, 13 Project, 16 Year, 17 Embark, 18 Lucifer, 20 Lean, 21 Talents, 22 Detest, 27 Minimum, 28 Rover, 29 Sentient. Down: 1 Stamp, 2 Plane, 3 Flare, 4 Noon, 5 Gravels, 6 Steam, 8 Decent, 11 Argue, 12 Utter, 14 Trends, 13 Valet, 16 Edits, 18 Lianas, 19 Cannon, 22 Leaves, 23 Nerve, 24 Sleek, 25 Excel.

London, Aug. 29. Mr Valerian Zorin, chief Soviet delegate to the disarmament talks here, today rejected the Western partial disarmament plan, according to a British source.

Mr Zorin told the Western delegates after the Western plan had been presented to him today: "This paper can not be considered as offering anything of genuine value."

A British source after today's session said Mr Zorin made his comment in the course of a 50-minute speech.

The British source said Mr Zorin did not ask for time to study the partial disarmament proposals submitted at the meeting by delegates of the United States, France, Britain and Canada.

Practical Offer

All four Western speakers today emphasized to Mr Zorin that their first-stage "package" disarmament plan was considered by their governments to be a serious and practical offer put forward for serious negotiation.

The meeting of the sub-committee—Britain, France, the United States, Canada and Russia—lasted for over three hours and the next session will be held on the Tuesday afternoon.

Mr Harold Stassen, chief United States delegate, presided at today's meeting at which he put the Western partial first-stage disarmament plan.

No Answer

At the end of Mr Zorin's speech the British delegate, Commander Alan Noble, asked whether the Western Powers were to take it as a final reply to their proposals or whether they could expect a further reply at a later stage.

Mr Zorin made no answer to this question, the British source said.—Reuter.

China Experts For France

Paris, Aug. 20. Four top Chinese experts in water conservancy and power dam construction are due to arrive in France on September 1 for a fortnight's visit as guests of the French State Electricity Corporation. It was announced here today.

The visit is seen here as a further indication of French efforts to secure important contracts for hydroelectric power and flood control projects in China.

A French economic mission left for China earlier this week.—Reuter.

Moscow Wants Baltic As Russian Lake

Frankfurt, Aug. 29.

The independent newspaper Frankfurter Allgemeine said today that if the Soviet Union succeeded in its efforts to "neutralise" the Baltic, then the Red Fleet could turn it into a "Russian lake."

The newspaper said the Soviet Union was trying to eliminate all Western influence from the Baltic.

The need for a Baltic command in Nato permitted the United States to obtain a foothold there and, alongside Denmark, units of the West German Navy were in Nato.

"The whole naval strength of the West thus becomes effectively held by the Soviet Union as a political pressure," the Frankfurter Allgemeine said.

For years the Soviet Union had made diplomatic attempts to turn the Baltic into a closed sea.

"Neutralisation of the Baltic would enormously strengthen the Soviet position in the European north. The considerable Red Baltic fleet could then really turn this sea into a Russian lake with all the consequences for the other northern countries," the newspaper added.

NOT CAPABLE

The Frankfurter Allgemeine went on: "The Soviet intention is not capable of realisation without the agreement of the significant neutral naval power, Sweden, and the withdrawal of Denmark from the Atlantic alliance.

The very neutrality of Sweden, however, makes it impossible for the Swedish Government to associate itself with Soviet efforts to neutralise the whole of the Baltic...

"The Soviet Union is not only concerned with blocking the Baltic but would like to be able to move out of the Baltic at any time, for naval strategy is above all a struggle to secure communication lines."

As long as Denmark and West Germany remained in Nato and Sweden with its impressive naval forces patrolled its own coasts, Soviet forces were often liable to be trapped in the Baltic or forced to operate from Polar bases, the newspaper said.—China Mail Special.

Girard's Trial POLICE LOOKING FOR 2 BOYS

Tokyo, Aug. 29.

Maeishi District police searched today for two boys reported to have been shot at by US Army Specialist 3/C William S. Girard.

The Ottawa, Illinois, soldier's trial for manslaughter in the fatal shooting of Mrs Naké Sakai, a Japanese scrap metal collector on a US Army firing range last January 30, currently is under way.

The prosecution charged on Monday that Girard fired at three other Japanese on the range the same day Mrs Sakai was killed. The three—Toshio Koyama, 26, Tatso Kanai, 29, and Isamu Yodohara, 23—have been called as prosecution witnesses.

CLAIMED SHOT

Japanese newspapers today quoted Koyama and Kanai as saying two boys "about 15 or 10" also claimed Girard shot at them.

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"Before I met two boys at the range who pointed at Girard and said we were shot at by him," the newspaper quoted Koyama as saying.—United Press.

NO A-WEAPONS FOR INDIA

New Delhi, Aug. 29. Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, India's Defence Minister, said today that India did not intend at present to go in for atomic weapons.—Reuter.

STALIN AND TRUMAN DIFFERED OVER JAPAN'S SURRENDER

Moscow, Aug. 29. The late Soviet Premier, Josef Stalin, and former American President, Harry Truman, differed sharply in 1945 as to who should accept the Japanese surrender on the Kurile islands and North Hokkaido, it was disclosed in diplomatic correspondence on sale here today.

The correspondence, revealed on Tuesday by the Soviet Foreign Ministry, comprises two volumes of Stalin's letters to British and American leaders in World War II.

The letters dealing with Japan, although relatively few in number, include those to the late President Franklin Roosevelt on the Pacific conflict and, after his death, those to Truman on problems of surrender and occupation.

Truman, in a letter which Stalin received on May 12, 1945, asked Stalin to approve General Douglas MacArthur's nomination as Supreme Allied Commander in the Far East and allow him full authority to accept the general surrender of the Japanese armed forces.

Nomination

Truman asked Stalin to name a Soviet representative to MacArthur's headquarters. He proposed that the Japanese Army in Kwantung should surrender to the Soviet Commander-in-Chief in the Far East.

Stalin agreed to all those proposals and, in a letter dated August 10, asked that Japanese troops in the Kuriles and North Hokkaido should also surrender to the Soviet commander in the Far East.

Stalin recalled that Japanese troops occupied Soviet territory in the Far East from 1919 to 1922 and he added: "Soviet public opinion would be deeply hurt in case the Soviet Army is refused the right to occupy any part of Japanese territory."

Stalin added: "I hope my modest wishes will not be rejected."

Ease Blow

Truman, in his reply, agreed to Soviet proposals with regard to the Kuriles, but diplomatically rejected any Soviet occupation of North Hokkaido.

Truman, in an apparent attempt to ease the blow, said MacArthur had already completed plans for American occupation of Japanese territory as such, including the Islands of Hokkaido, Shikoku, Honsu and Kyushu, but that allied forces including those of the Soviet Union will be allowed to take a "symbolic" part in the occupation.

This was the last reference to Soviet occupation of Hokkaido contained in the letters on Japan.

Truman, in a message received by Stalin on August 18, said the United States wished to be entitled to set up arms and navy bases for commercial and military purposes on one of the Kuriles, preferably in the central group.

Stalin, in a letter dated August 22, vigorously rejected the proposal. He said the Yalta conference decisions gave the Kuriles to the Soviet Union and did not provide for the settling up of American air bases there.

Misunderstood

Moreover, Stalin said a demand for bases is generally made to a defeated nation or one incapable of defending itself without outside help. He added: "I do not think the Soviet Union falls into this category."

Truman said he had been misunderstood and that he merely wanted the Soviet authorities to allow American commercial and military planes to land on the Kuriles.

Truman emphasised that he had not referred to Soviet territory but to the Kurile Islands, which he said were Japanese territory, whose status would have to be determined at the signing of the peace treaty.

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Special Cases

Stalin, in a reply dated August 30, said he was willing to allow American planes to land on "our airports on one of the Kuriles" in special cases for the remainder of the occupation of Japan.

Stalin requested that in return Soviet commercial planes should be allowed to land on an American air base in the Amakiri Islands.—United Press.

SAILORS RESCUED FROM ICE

US CALLS FOR ASSURANCE ON MISSILES

Washington, Aug. 29.

The Administration's experts on American and Russian weapons were called before a congressional committee today to answer claims that the US ballistic missile programme has been slowed down.

A subcommittee of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy also wanted Defence Department and Central Intelligence Agency evaluations of Russia's Monday claim to have tested successfully an "intercontinental multi-stage ballistic rocket."

The Russian claim came at an embarrassing time for the Pentagon. It was reviewing US missile programme as a part of the current economy drive to see whether any savings could be realised through better management and efficiency in the multi-billion dollar effort.

Deny Contention

However, Acting Defence Secretary Donald A. Quarles was expected to deny the general contention that there has been a missile slowdown. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (Democrat—Washington) has made the claim on the Senate floor and has been supported by Sen. Stuart Symington (Democrat-Missouri).

Quarles was expected to tell the closed door committee members that the Atlas inter-continental ballistic missile programme is on schedule and is being pushed at high priority.

There were reports at the same time that the Pentagon had somewhat slowed the Titan programme. The Titan is an inter-continental ballistic missile designed as more advanced in concept than the Atlas but about a year behind in development.

An Atlas is reported about ready for test flying at the Eglin Air Force Base. The first one tested had to be destroyed because of a malfunction in a relatively minor part after it had reached an 8,000 foot altitude.

US missile testing was expected to be stepped up during the autumn as previously forecast.

The missile development programme has reached the point where completed weapons will be put together and launched. Test vehicles like the Air Force X-17 and the Army Jupiter-C have been fired at fantastic speeds from the Florida centre.

Full Confidence

From these scale model tests and from wind tunnel studies experts have gained full confidence in success.

The task now is to put together rocket motors, air frames, control and guidance systems and weapon-carrying nose cones and carrying out flight tests to verify the correctness of research and development work.—United Press.

RUMANIAN MINISTERS IN BELGRADE

Belgrade, Aug. 29. General Emil Bodnar, Rumanian Deputy Prime Minister, and Ion Gheorghe Maurer, Rumania's Foreign Minister, were today reported to be in Belgrade.

It was not known how long the visitors had been in Yugoslavia or the purpose of their visit, which had been announced here so far by the Yugoslav press or the official news agency.

The presence of the Rumanian Communists became known when they visited the Belgrade International Trade Fair accompanied by Yugoslav Vice-President Aleksandar Rankovic and the Yugoslav Foreign Secretary, Kocu Popovic.

OFFICIAL NATURE

The official nature of the visit was indicated by the presence also of the Yugoslav ambassador in Rumania, Nikolai Vujanovic, who was said by Tanjug to have accompanied the group at the fair.—China Mail Special.

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KOWLOON

THERE are times when something that seems unimportant will throw a light on dark spaces. Such was the case a short time ago when I saw an announcement that a Theatrical Company from Moscow was to play in London for a period of six weeks. The nature of the performance would be what, back in Canada, we call vaudeville and what, in Britain, we describe as music hall.

From Streatham

Surprisingly the announcement informed us that the opening week would be in the vast suburban music hall of Streatham, and that the season would consist of similar appearances in other suburbs. In other words they were to play in the outskirts of London and would not penetrate the theatre-land of the West End. Thus the noble army of London's dramatic critics had to travel on the opening night into *terra incognita*. However, with a nice sense of occasion they left their dinner jackets at home and turned up in day dress like the rest of us. Incidentally there was not a vacant seat in the house for Russia is an enigma that all of us want to understand.

The young women on the stage were lovely to look upon, modest and graceful with nothing more revealing than an ankle peeping from beneath a long skirt. There were no female baritones blaring about love lay down South nor shrieking about someone being their man. The jugglers bowed to us like diplomats and then did tricks which were out of date twenty-five years ago. As for the dancing it was like Dolly Varden waltzing with the squire's son.

We were back to the 1890's when young bloods used to drink champagne from the slipper of an actress in the smart restaurants of London in good King Edward's glorious days — although it must have been rather unpleasant for the actress who had to put her foot in the slipper after the ceremony was over.

What about the women in Moscow?" I asked, for the debonair Sir Malcolm has always been profoundly interested in the other sex. He raised his hands as if to demand a fortissimo from the strings. "They are dressed," he said. "The women will work in Lancashire during the depression. They seem to have no sense of clothes or else there is nothing they can buy."

From Bumbledom

Then we recalled the stupid incident last year when a team of Russian athletes were competing with the British at the White City Stadium in London. One of the team was a young woman named Nina who was a discus thrower, but by no means unattractive to the eye. One day while strolling along Oxford Street she saw a lot of women's hats displayed in one of the large stores. They were not expensive hats but, if you will forgive the expression, they went to her head. In a mad impulse she grabbed a half dozen and started to walk away with them.

Unfortunately the store detective saw her, she was arrested and in due course came up before the magistrate at the police court where she was fined and duly cautioned. Sober in the whole history of Bumbledom has there been anything so stupid?

If we had a Minister of Psychiatry, he would have declared that Nina could keep the hats and the whole world would have paid tribute to British chivalry.

And what an advertisement for our hats! This may seem trivial but let us reverse the coin and imagine how furious we would have been if a female British discus thrower at the Moscow Games had been arrested on a similar charge.

But let us go back to Sir Malcolm for a moment before we turn to the politicians. The

picture he painted of Russia is that of a people who literally have been cut off from the outside world from the outbreak of war in 1914. They have made no contact with people in any western country, save the few foreigners who have been able to visit Russia. Hence the old fashioned vaudeville performances at Streatham, hence the mad impulse of Nina in taking the hats. As for freedom of the press it is well expressed by the front page of the Russian who said, "Pravda is the best newspaper in the world. I always use it for rolling my cigarettes because it is so stiff."

From Bulganin

Now let us move to the high political level. The other day the Russian Ambassador to Prime Minister Macmillan delivered a long and very weighty letter from Marshal Bulganin which could have rolled quite a number of cigarettes if it had been used for that purpose. In the opening paragraph it contained the sensible statement that the serious differences between Russia and Britain on a number of questions should not prevent us from taking measures to establish better relationship between our countries and from trying to make a joint contribution to the easing of the international tension.

Then the Marshal let flood some five thousand words to the effect that Britain and Russia should end the mad race in armaments both nuclear and conventional. "As is well known," he declared, "the Soviet Government proposes immediate ending of atomic and hydrogen weapons."

But then there comes a slight discord in the sweet harmony of the Marshal's wooing. In other words he sees no reason why this nuclear business should be linked up with other disarmament measures. Of course not. Russia has an immense army and lots and lots of traditional weapons. So why not leave things as they are?

Nevertheless this is a serious and important letter even if it goes on and on to an interminable length. After much burning of midnight oil I have extracted these items which are worth consideration and an occasional smile:

1. All Russia wants in the Middle East is that peace and tranquillity should prevail.

2. If there were no trade restrictions the Soviet Union could in the next five years increase its annual purchases from Britain to £800—£1,000 millions.

3. If the Government of the United Kingdom

LONDON LETTER

Take a few impassionate looks at Russia and what do you see today? It's a view that is so old fashioned it could make Grandmama nostalgic. But in 1957 it is dynamite just the same.

by Sir Beverley Baxter M.P.

A Russian Comes To London . . .

by PHILIP OAKES

he is Nikolai Sadkovitch, a Soviet film-maker. His aim? To convince the British public that the tractor is no longer a Soviet star.

FROM a red-curtained room in Kensington Palace Gardens a smiling Russian in a smart blue suit is planning the new Soviet offensive.

His name: Nikolai Sadkovitch, the duck-shooting director of Soviet films in England. His aim: to get Russian stars on to British screens.

I Still Recall

It

In combining Ninn's hats with Sir Malcolm's visit and Marshal Bulganin's letter I seem to have made the mixture too thick, I have done so deliberately because we must remember that if civilisation is to survive the Russian people must some day emerge from their walled prison and mingle with the outside world.

I still recall what Kerensky said to me when he escaped from Russia after overthrowing the Tsar, and, in turn, had been overthrown by Lenin and Trotsky.

I gave Russia five months

of freedom," he said, "and a people who have known even five months freedom will never rest until they have it again."

Perhaps it is true although modern weapons make it impossible for the people to rebel with sticks and stones as did the French when they attacked the Bastille.

Such is the paradox of history that this hideous thing known as the hydrogen bomb may have rendered Russia impotent as a conquering military power. Therefore Britain is right in sending her actors and orchestral conductors to Moscow, for the people of Russia are warmed by the same sun and chilled by the same wind as ourselves. When a child is born in Russia the mother dreams of a future that will bring happiness, and peace and liberty in its train.

But the British Prime Minister is also right to combine firmness with good will when dealing with political leaders who rule their people without having secured a mandate from the people..

"We realise, of course," said Mr Sadkovitch, "that not all of our films would appeal to British audiences." I recalled earthy topics about collective farms in the Ukraine, and agreed. "The tractor," added Mr Sadkovitch, "is no longer a Soviet star."

ABOUT LOVE

Recently a first-rate Russian version of Othello took over the Festival Hall. And plans are being laid for the screening of The 41st, an international prize-winner, about love between a woman sniper and a White Russian officer. Advance reports have it that in this film sex has finally filtered through the Soviet celluloid curtain.

I asked Mr Sadkovitch whether his appointment was a political one. Shaking his head, he stepped delicately

over the party line. "I am interested in art," he said. "Art crosses frontiers and makes friends. I like being over here. Especially, I like Edinburgh. Good whisky there."

A TRICKY JOB

Apart from his drinking habits, what qualities make this man the Russian choice for the tricky job of salesman-statesman?

He is a stocky, cheerful man in his early fifties. ("A man is as young as he feels," Old English proverb,) says Mr Sadkovitch. He has published novels, directed films and even acted in them. He is married, with a wife and a 17-year-old son, and has two flats—one in Moscow and one in Minsk. The latter is his favourite.

"Good hunting there," he told me. "We shoot wolves, bears and wild duck." He won a Stalin prize for a series of documentaries to the rank of People's Artist of the Soviet Union.

"But," he insisted, "I know nothing of politics."

THEY LOVE DICKENS

Part of his job in England is to buy British films which will bring the romps into Russian box-offices. "So far," he told me, "I have bought Pickwick Papers— all Russians love Dickens: Lucy Hamilton—all Russians love Vivien Leigh; and I would like to purchase Hamlet and Richard III. But they cost so much money."

Art apart, Mr Sadkovitch is the man who proposes to take Dian Dors behind the Iron Curtain. "I liked a Kid for Two Earths very much," he said. "Wolf Mankowitz is a very fine writer."

And how, I asked, would Moscow react to Miss Dors?

Mr Sadkovitch snatched his beard and said, "Tractor." I recalled, were no longer the stars of Russian films. And Miss Dors was made to measure for the new kind of epic.

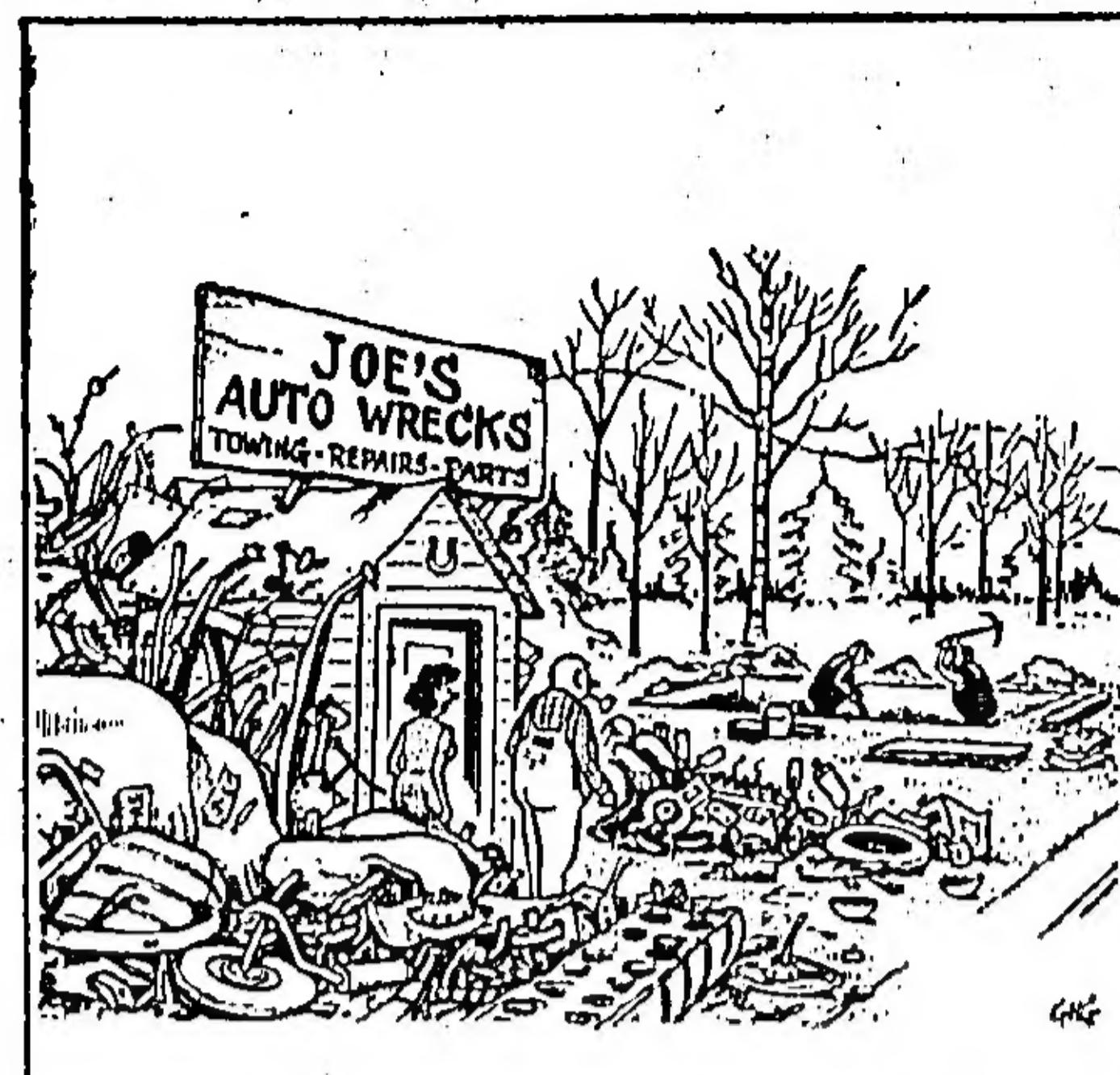
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Keep your sugar dry!

EVEN IN THE DAMPEST WEATHER



This Funny World



"I hope they don't build something that will spoil the natural beauty of the countryside."

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

A DVICE to girls to be careful about laughing, as it produces wrinkles, recalled to me the poet Southey's objection to laughter.

It broadens the face, said he, and a broad face is vulgar. He added that laughter is "a plebeian emotion" and recommended that "nothing beyond a silent and transitory whisper should ever be indulged in by refined ranks. That makes me roar and howl with laughter."

In Rocky's Bar

SOONER or later one meets everyone in Rocky's Bar at Cannes, does not one? Here Foulonough ran into his old love, Vita Brevis. "Fancy meeting me here," he said. "Where are you staying?" she asked. He gave the name of an enormous villa owned by an international financier. "How on earth did you manage that?" said Vita. "My son happened to fall into the water at night. I happened to be there and rescued him." "Are you never going to settle down?" she asked. "That's

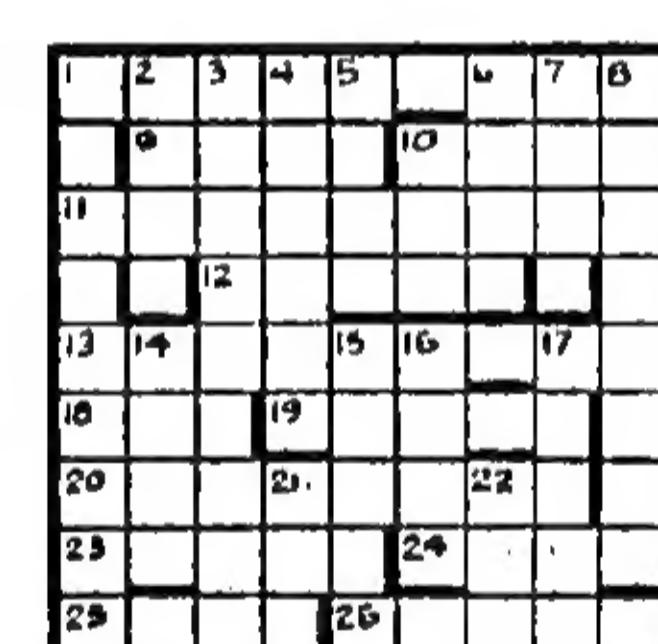
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Tail-piece

Of all the delights offered to the ladies for the summer I like best the hat that will be fatal and have style, and will best be worn over a silk headband. Bold girls will presumably wear rings in their noses.

CROSSWORD



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WEEK-END LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

The following players have been selected to represent their respective clubs in the Lawn Bowls League games over the week-end:

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1st Division (Away) v KCC—
J. E. Noronha, R. F. da Luz
(Skip); A. J. Pereira, L. M. Roque, J. P. J. Almeida, G. C. Pereira (Skip); J. A. da Luz, A. Roza-Pereira, C. E. Paesos, A. Lopes (Skip).

2nd Division (Away) v KCC—
C. A. Gonçalves, A. M. Baptista, L. A. dos Reis, V. P. Jardim, R. C. Sales, R. L. M. Benedicto, S. E. Souza, F. G. da Luz (Skip); A. M. Silva, V. A. Sequeira, R. A. Oloriz, A. A. Guerreiro (Skip).

3rd Division (Home) v JKCFC—
A. M. Rosa, G. F. Roizman (Skip); F. R. Souza, S. A. Colaco, F. X. Oliveira, F. L. P. Correia (Skip); A. P. Xavier, J. V. Soeiro (Skip); A. Marques, G. A. Noronha (Skip).

4th Division (Home) v Recreo—
S. V. Dos, C. I. S. Apóstolo, M. J. Dívaca, F. M. Fernandes (Skip); C. Coelho, E. P. P. J. José, J. J. Duarte, W. Baker, J. Tang, T. E. Baker, W. Horne, Sling (Skip).

2nd Division (Home) v Recreo—
J. N. Wong, L. Bones, S. Han-Tong, E. P. P. J. José, J. J. Duarte, E. P. P. J. José, G. M. Canell (Skip); M. H. Duke, H. P. Brown, H. Phoenix, G. Madar (Skip).

3rd Division (Home) v Standevy—
W. Turner, P. Wood, W. S. Edwards, G. Ladd (Skip); H. White, J. A. White (Skip); G. Brown, J. Barker, G. Smith, R. J. Taylor (Skip).

KCC

1st Division (Home) v JKCFC—
L. M. Silva, R. K. Pavao, R. Baker, M. Q. Wong (Skip); G. F. Santos, A. R. Jonath, J. Pau, F. O. M. Silva, R. K. Pavao, R. Baker, T. A. Lasonho, R. Tay (Skip).

2nd Division (Home) v JKCFC—
G. E. Roizman, H. Mergulhão, E. A. Razack, A. F. Ferreira (Skip); A. M. Souza, D. A. Lopes, R. L. P. Correia, R. Souza, F. W. Quirk, Y. T. Cheng, Z. Teek, Wong Yan (Skip).

JKCFC

1st Division (Home) v JKCFC—
A. Tashiro, H. de Souza, W. McFarlane, W. Baker (Skip); W. Landolt, D. Buttontree, D. Vipond, H. P. Brown, T. J. McKeown, P. F. Gregory, P. A. Golding, L. Gibson (Skip).

2nd Division (Home) v JKCFC—
R. C. Trall, N. Weston, E. F. Gee, W. H. Prichard, D. Trall, G. Morgan (Skip); K. Alman, W. Gee, L. C. New, F. Marshall (Skip).

3rd Division (Home) v JKCFC—
J. L. Mount, A. G. Staley, E. E. Wallwork, J. R. McAlanahan (Skip); A. W. Brown, J. H. Hobart, M. M. Gibson (Skip); C. M. Stevens, A. H. Stevens, T. C. C. Knight, D. T. Smith (Skip).

HKC

1st Division (Home) v JKCFC—
H. Black, K. Summers, R. Farrow, H. F. Shields (Skip); K. A. Baker, W. S. Taylor, T. V. C. Reynolds, D. J. Blandford, R. Baker, T. T. Harley, R. A. Jones, T. Dyer (Skip).

2nd Division (Home) v JKCFC—
G. Edwards, H. Revolla, C. Barclay, H. Folgate (Skip); J. J. Woods, J. C. Hockin, H. Harris, J. Takunian (Skip); A. Boyd Cowan, W. A. P. Thom, A. Mackie, E. Math (Skip).

3rd Division (Home) v Recreo—
T. H. Walker, T. Chalmers (Skip); D. A. Coulson, J. M. Coulson, J. Evans, R. F. Edwards (Skip); E. A. Fisher, S. G. Mills, J. B. Harris, T. Pickering (Skip).

At Bath—Gloucestershire 311 and 309 for two; Nottinghamshire 314 for five declared, (Kensington 51, D. Richardson 113, Broadbent 56, Norton 131 not out).

At Canterbury—Kent 355, West Indies 332 for five (Walcott 131, Aspinwall 107 not out).

At Bournemouth—Hampshire 160 and 142 for six, Northamptonshire 171 (Burden six for 87).

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WOOSNAN IS KEY TO ORIENT HOPES

Says HAROLD PALMER

If patience is a virtue, Leyton Orient supporters may have to be a very virtuous crowd this soccer. They had to be content with "consolidation" last season. I do not see how they can expect any more from the same players in the coming season.

There was never much doubt that they would hold their place in the Second Division last season. That was satisfactory enough. After all, they had wanted 27 years to get back to the grade in which they had last appeared as Clapton Orient.

Yet the brightest feature was the success of their reserves. They finished third of the 32 clubs in the Football Combination, ahead of Arsenal Luton and Charlton.

Here surely was sound insurance for the future. Yet how many of those reserves really seemed ready for League football? I would say very few.

Good team-work explains plenty of chances for centre-forward Tom Johnston, who is still goal-minded as his hat-trick in the trial game indicated.

A stand that looks like adding up to a £40,000 bill means big fees for players are out of the question, although one or two new defenders will have to be signed.

Obviously clubs making transfer advances to Orient are wasting their time. There are only 24 professionals at Leyton, plus three on National Service, and amongst these are four goalkeepers. Southend wanted

I saw the reserves show the first team forwards how to get goals in this week's trial game.

Officially the score was Blues 3, Reds 3. But the first team blues were two down to the reserves at one time and were only saved by the second half recovery against what could be called the third team.

There is no doubt Woosnam is going to be Orient's key forward. He is a thoughtful, constructive player who is now getting the benefit of full-time training until he resumes his teaching duties at Leyton Grammar School.

If he and his partner, the elusive Phil White, ought to make

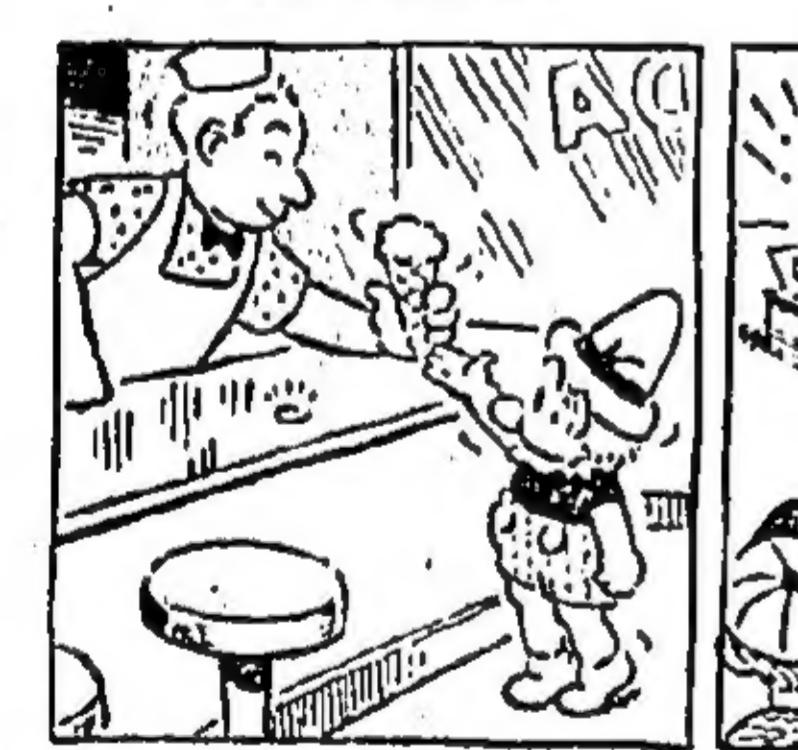
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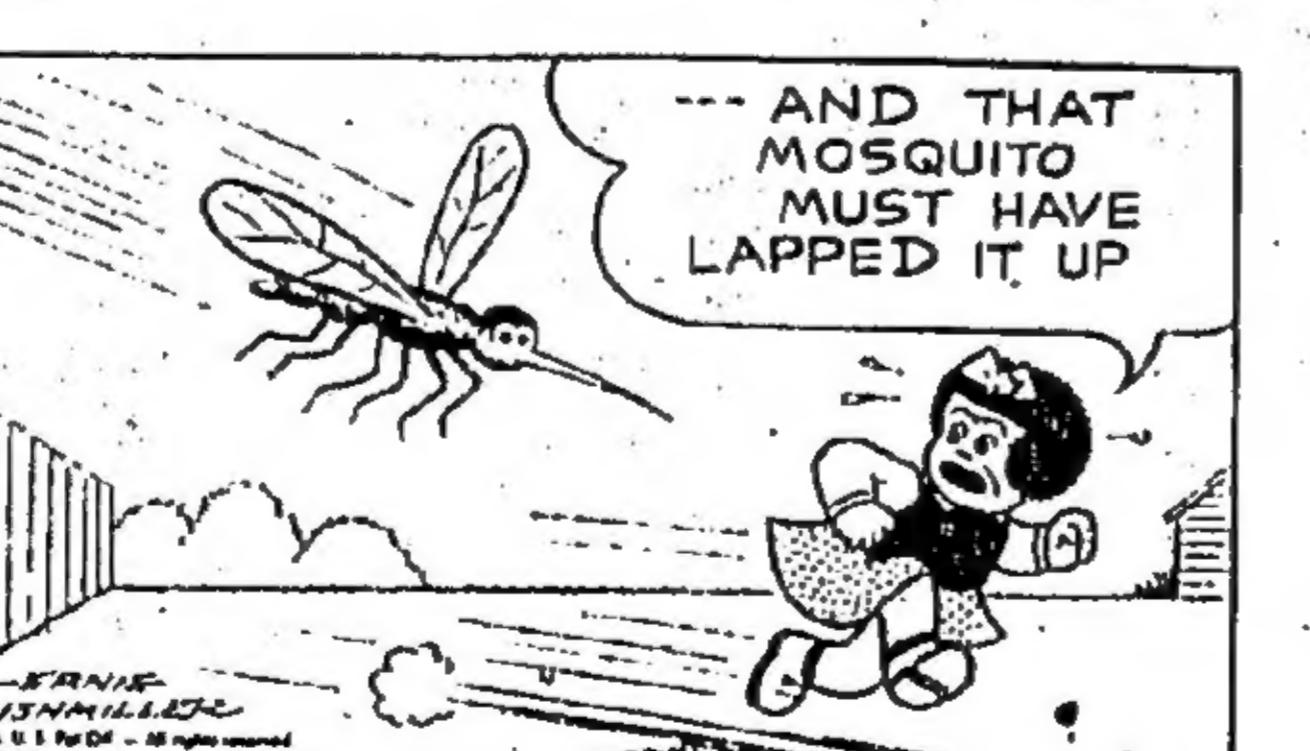
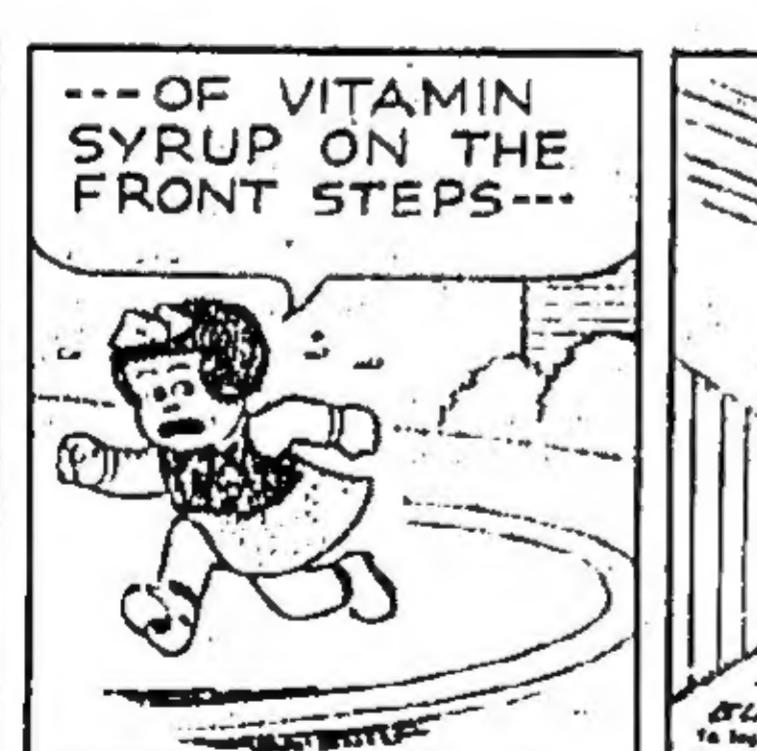
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Full-back Bond Can Bring Goals To West Ham

By BERNARD JOY

John Bond, big high-spirited right-back, is being specially groomed for the "Score-more" plan at West Ham.

West Ham believe it was not poor shooting but the lack of clear cut openings which caused the low goals total last season — the fourth lowest in the Second Division promotion bid.

They aim to create more openings by a rapid counter-attack from a defensive position. Bond therefore is being urged to quicken up his distribution and to abandon the casual manner which allows up clearances from the goalmouth.

The rest of the team are being geared to carry on the momentum before opponents recover.

If Bond modifies his style and his colleagues dovetail I forecast two things will happen. West Ham will regain the First Division place they lost 25 years ago, and Bond will become England's right back.

I am optimistic about West Ham's prospects. For years they have been on the fringe of promotion, and now they have

put their finger on the vital weakness.

NEW ROLE

Drilling in the new tactics is as essential a part of the pre-season preparation as is condition training.

Slipper Malcolm Allison has a large part, not only as a tactician but also in his new role of left-half, where he can use his full side to greater advantage than in the middle.

West Ham made overtures for Huddersfield centre-forward Dave Hickson before his conversion to a right-back.

Two seasons ago Linky John Dick scored 20 "B" goals from inside-left. Last season he gathered a meagre eight.

THREE TYPES

He will be approaching the higher total in this campaign and there will be more goals, too, from former Manchester

United and Preston centre-forward Eddie Lewis, who has lost 10lb. in training.

As usual, there are plenty of able reserves competing for first team places. No competition is greater than for the outside-right position where you can take your choice from three different types—Billy Dale, the converted centre-forward with an eye for chances in the middle, Mike Greig, fast, direct and moody, and Doug Wragg, a subtle shoulder-swiveling maker of goals.

Although Dale was in the first team at practice, Greig is likely to succeed him. During the Czechoslovak tour in May last, he revealed the form which made West Ham pay £10,000 to Czechoslovakia for him and manager Ted Fenton told him, "From now on that's how you are going to play for us."

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Trautmann Is Back At His Best

By ALAN HOBY

Bert Trautmann, former German pilot of war paratroopers and Britain's greatest goalkeeper, has won the toughest fight of his career—against injury and the odds of dismal ill-luck which hits a man only once in a lifetime.

Les McDowell, Manchester City's manager, said recently: "In our match with the Dutch team Aschade the other day Trautmann was back to his best.

"He seemed to have all his former confidence and power." But what a fight-back against terrible odds, it has been!

Remember how he rose to be England's top goalkeeper, how his acrobatic saves and eagle swoops thrilled the fans from Sunderland to Stamford Bridge . . . how he became the first foreigner to be elected "Footballer of the Year"?

TRAGEDY . . .

Remember how, with honours heaped upon him, tragedy suddenly struck at soccer's cut-man?

He broke his neck—diving at the feet of Birmingham's inside-left, Peter Murphy, 13 minutes from the end of the 1956 Cup Final at Wembley.

Worse was to come. Three weeks later he lost his son, John Michael, in a car accident.

This was a crushing blow. Yet, even then, fate had not finished with the luckless Bert Trautmann.

As soon as he started training—and playing again last season the whispers began. . .

"Trautmann is finished," said the know-all. "He will never play first-class football again." Yet how little did they know their men.

Slowly, and at first, uncertainly, Trautmann nudged himself back towards the target of his former greatness.

It wasn't easy. Both in the reserves and then in the first team Trautmann, now 31, had to grope his way precariously like a man on a tight-rope along the harsh trail leading to complete recovery.

Only once has the normally resolute Trautmann admitted publicly how he felt during this difficult period of mental and physical anguish.

That was when we went to see his boy's grave before a match. . .

NOW, WATCH OUT!

"Afterwards, when I went on the field," he said, "if I had been hit on the head with a sledgehammer I wouldn't have felt it."

But now—watch out, opposing First Division forwards! The great Trautmann is back. And exactly what that means can be summed up in the words of Les McDowell when he says: "Even without his usual edge Bert is still better than 80 per cent of the goalkeepers in this country."

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

MARKET CLOSES STEADY

Wharf Shares Continue Fantastic Rise

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange closed for the long weekend yesterday on a steady note after a quiet week of trading.

Most stocks remained at their same levels or improved fractionally during the week.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves continued their phenomenal rise and closed with a middle quote of \$124. A block of 20 was sold on Wednesday for \$125, the highest price that has ever been paid for this share. This particular stock has risen \$12 since the beginning of the month. It tacked on \$1 for the week.

Good Business

The good business now being enjoyed by godowns is also shared by Provident, which gained 40 cents on the week to close at \$12.20.

Hongkong Banks continued their downward trend losing another \$10 on the week to close at \$880. Last week they lost \$15. The factor that is bringing Banks down is the persistent selling of Banks shares from London on the local market.

Utilities are holding well and on the whole they made gains on the week. Trams tacked on 20 cents; Electrics, 30 cents; and Lights, 20 cents. Telephones dropped 20 cents on the week.

Lose Ground

Cements continued to lose ground, dropping another 25 cents to close yesterday at \$32.25.

Good business was very evident in the cotton section with both Nanyang and Textiles up. Nanyang closed at \$9.80, a gain of 35 cents, while Textiles gained 17½ cents on the week to close at \$4.475.

Turnover for the week was \$2.54 million, over four times less than last week. Tally for the week was ten higher, seven unchanged and seven lower compared with six higher, four unchanged and 14 lower last week.

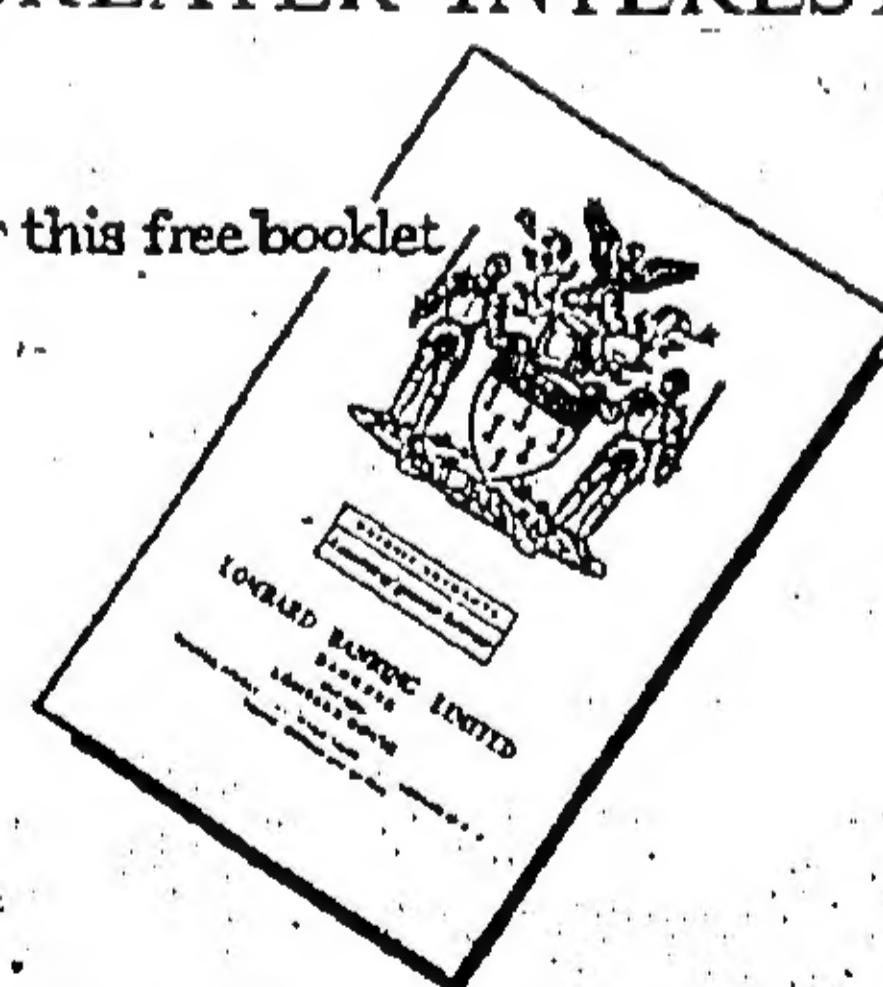
The Hon. H. D. M. Burton, chairman of the Hongkong and Far Eastern Investment Co. Ltd., gave a good account of the state of the Hongkong Stock Exchange in his speech at the annual general meeting of the Company on Wednesday.

Not Reacted

He said that the Stock Exchange had not reacted to the recent British Government's announcement of the relaxation of some of the restrictions on China trade.

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	Aug 1	Aug 8	Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29	Up or Down
HK Bank	1820	1820	905xall	800	830	-310
Lombard	35b	35	35½m	35a	34½b	-50c
Union	96	96½a	95	90	90b	steady
Wheelock	8	7.85	7.80	7.80	7.80	steady
HK Wharf	112	114	114b	117b	124m	+97
HK Docks	48½	48½a	48½	48½b	49b	+50c
Provident	11.00brx	11.00	11.00b	11.00	11.20	+20c
HK Hotels	15.50b	15.50b	15.50	15.40	15.40	steady
HK Land	35½	35½	35½	35½	35½	steady
HK Realty	475b	475b	475a	475b	475b	+20c
HK Trans	24.00	24.20	24	23.80	24	+20c
Star Ferry	135	135m	135m	131	131	steady
Yaumatei	106	106	107	106m	105½m	-50c
Ch. Lights	18.00	18.70	18.90	18.50	18.70m	+20c
Electrics	30	29.50	29.00	29.50	29.20	-30c
HK Telephone	28.10	28.10	28	27.90	27.70	-20c
G.I. Cement	33½	33m	33½	32½	32½	-25c
Dairy Farm	15.00m	15.00	15.70	15.00	15.00	-10c
A.S. Watson	12.70	12.40b	12.60m	12.80	12.85m	+5c
Yangtze	6.45b	6.45	6.40b	6.00a	6.55m	-5c
Allied	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.25s	4.23s	steady
HK & FE Inv	11	11.20s	10x	10n	10.20s	+20c
Textile Corp	4.325	4.325	4.325	4.30	4.475	+17½c
Nanyang	9.25b	9.25b	9.35	9.45b	9.80	+35c

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Aug. 29.
Rex rubber futures today closed 45 to 60 points lower with sales of 95 contracts.

Sept. 30.80
Nov. 30.75
Jan. 30.70
Mar. 30.65
July 30.60
Sept. 30.60

Standard contract closed 45 to 58 points lower with no sales reported. Closing prices:

Sept. 30.80
Nov. 30.75
Jan. 30.70
Mar. 30.65
May 30.70
July 30.65
Sept. 30.60

The sharp reaction, after a two-day rally, largely reflected the lower cables from Singapore and London, plus technical reasons as recent buyers looked ahead to the impending long weekend day.

Selling also was coupled with the ready availability of spot and nearby rubber in Singapore. China reportedly bought around 3,000 tons there yesterday, but dealers said the purchase apparently was not enough to relieve the pressure on that market."

Consumer interest here continued slack. Spot No. 1 Rss was quoted at 30 cents.

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LONDON

The rubber market was easier with spot down 5% to 20 cents.

Prices:

No. 1 lbs spot 25½-26½

Settlement house term: 25-26½

Nov. 26½-27

Dec. 26½-27

Oct./Dec. 26½-27

Apr./June 26½-27

July/Sept. 26½-27

General markets, cl. basis: 20½-21

Oct. 20½-21

Nov. 20½-21

Estate crepe thin, Sept. 20-21

thick Oct. 20-21

United Press.

STOCKS DECLINE ON PROFIT-TAKING ON WALL STREET

By DOROTHEA BROOKS

New York, Aug. 29.
Stocks declined on profit-taking to the tune of another two billion through mid-session then did an about-face to pare losses by more than half.

The recovery came on the heels of news that Russia had flatly rejected the West package deal in disarmament.

Most stocks throughout the list came up substantially from the day's lows and some scored good gains—Chrysler in particular with a rise of over a point.

Out of a total 1,115 issues appearing on the tape, however, only 237 managed to close higher while 611 were lower, 247 unchanged.

Industrial stocks finished off 1.73 points at 476.08 in the Dow Jones average while railroads dropped 1.77 points to 134.03, a new low since Dec. 3, 1954, and utilities eased .16 point to 67.52.

Volume lagged throughout the session and totalled only 1,630,000 shares, lightest in a week, compared with 1,840,000 on Wednesday. The lack of pressure against the list apparently brought some support.

In the aircrafts, United and Martin closed with gains of nearly a point while Lockheed was off around a point on the day.

Oils had losses running nearly to a point in Continental and Gulf, but most in the group were little changed.

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New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,470,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was \$300,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials 475.00

20 rails 134.03

15 utilities 67.52

50 stocks 103.75

40 stocks 1

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Words, Words

In the East it sometimes seems that all men who are literate are lawyers at heart, if not in fact. Their tongues are dry tinder that a careless word can touch off into searing, scorching loquacity.

So, when Ali felt offended, he made no secret of his feelings.

Ali is a tall, lean, handsome young man from the East. He is here to study, and it was at a meeting of students from his country that he took offence.

VIPS

Some great man was to talk, and Ali reached the meeting early to get a good seat. He was happily placed in the front row when someone important from the High Commission's household came up to him—a woman,

"I'm sorry," she said to Ali, "but you'll have to move. These first three rows are reserved for VIPs—Very Important People."

All knew how important preceding and privilege rated in his own country, but he had a high regard for Britain's democratic ways.

"Madam," he said, "in this country the question of important persons does not arise. This is a free country."

THE TORRENT

"Will you please move?" the rather important lady said, for she saw that very important people were beginning to arrive.

"This is a free country," Ali said, and stayed where he was.

Student stewards were summoned. Ali was ejected. When he tried to struggle back into the hall, he was arrested for using insulting words and behaviour.

At Clerkenwell he pleaded guilty, and in a torrent of words that sounded like three Queen's Counsels quoting tongue-twisters on roller-skates, told of the affront that had been done to him.

At last Ali cried. The magistrate, Mr Frank Powell, found the case proved, and gave Ali a discharge conditional upon his promising to behave himself for the next six months.

"All gulped and left, and at the door of the courtroom he turned and said to the magistrate: 'Bye-bye,' as if he had no more words left with which to round off the morning.

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TENNIS, THE GAME FOR ALL

by BILL HUGGAN

To most people September 2 may not be an important date but to the Colony's tennis enthusiasts it most certainly is.

IT represents the opening of the Colony's mixed, and LRC Club championships. As these events loom near, together with the men's hard-court championships, scheduled to commence in October, we find our tennis players reaching, day by day, greater heights of enthusiasm.

Wimbledon and the major European competitions are over and heated arguments are over various results temporally at least. And until the Davis Cup final, local tennis enjoys the ascendancy and there are born hundreds of new tennis wizards in the form of competitors in our local championships.

I do not intend dwelling long upon the prowess of the Colony's better players. We all know and respect the skillful group of exponents whose names appear with great regularity in the newspapers as winners of various leagues and championships.

A CHALLENGE

To a few this little band presents a challenge. A challenge to be eventually taken up on one of Hongkong's tennis courts, and with this in mind they utilize every spare moment, weather permitting, in strenuous practice.

However, the majority of the Colony's players remain untroubled by the greatness of the few. Should they be unfortunate enough to be ill-served by "the luck of the draw" and find themselves matched against big names in the early rounds of a competition, then they consider it just "hard luck".

I cannot imagine many of the Colony's tennis fraternity losing sleep over their having drawn a favourite. In fact, many such unlucky players look on their misfortune as providing scope for endless witty remarks. "I'm giving someone else a chance to reach the finals this year," "I never did play to win away," "I have an extra half hour's drinking-time after the match"—to mention just a few.

PECULIAR BUNCH

Having looked at the purely competitive angle of tennis in the Colony, we can now get down to considering the lighter angle as seen through the eyes of one who plays the game purely for the fun of it.

The success of the first experiments, in which only dogs were used, surprised the doctors concerned, who are led by Sir Brock, the heart surgeon. A dog in which the lungs and heart were temporarily out of action was connected to a pair of lungs removed from another dog which had died. The blood was kept circulating between the two by means of an electric pump while the "spare" lungs, repeatedly inflated by oxygen, purified the blood and passed it back to the dog through a tube inserted in the artery in the neck.

The dog was kept alive in this way for half an hour while its functions were recorded. It made "an uneventful recovery" and was completely fit in a few days.

The experiment was taken a step further by passing human blood through the lungs of a dog for half an hour. The lungs continued to work well and the blood was not impaired.

'ATOM LINER'

Will a new "Queen" liner win for Britain the world race to produce an economic passenger-carrying atom ship? The first surface ship to be nuclear-powered will be tankers.

But these ships will be uneconomic to run, and at least seven countries will still be striving to launch a nuclear-powered ship with operating costs no greater than orthodox vessels of the same tonnage.

Much of the work now being done by scientists and teams of naval experts at Harwell will be tested in the experimental tanker.

If results are satisfactory, the atomic passenger ship will be the next step.

The fitting of stabilizers to the 20-year-old Queen Mary indicate that no early replacement for the 81,000-ton liner is contemplated.

An atomic Queen would establish Britain in the forefront of world nuclear-powered shipbuilding.



You meet all kinds of players on the tennis court

He pounds the ball with almost superhuman strength. With Wimbledon. They look like players! They are all in spots, white.

The game commences:—The lady is a great player. I watch him play. I watch him play. An obvious error of judgment and not to be repeated. I make up a tennis fraternity out of court and one in the net, all small errors in the light of this player's great

one, the four.

He pounds the ball with almost superhuman strength. They are all in spots, white.

The game commences:—The lady is a great player.

She is playing tennis and has left her hair, make-up and dress to look after themselves.

My eyes chance to alight upon one of the other members of

His opponent climbs the fence to recover the ball. He laughs.

His opponent cannot find the ball. He is killing himself.

His luckless adversary's shorts come to grief on the turn trip. He just doubles up with laughter. He is not liked.

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